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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS.

1. FYI. FOLLOWING MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD
FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS WAS RECEIVED VIA COMMERCIAL CHANNELS:
QUOTE PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON,
D.C. IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN
SENDING OUR WARM GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THIS 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR INDEPEND-
ENCE.

QUOTE IN TWO CENTURIES OF GREAT CHANGE AND INNOVATION, THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS ACHIEVED MUCH NOT ONLY FOR HER
OWN PEOPLE BUT ALSO FOR OTHER PEOPLES AROUND THE GLOBE.

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AMERICA'S HERITAGE IS NOTHING IF IT HAS NOT TOUCHED THE

LIVES OF AMERICANS AND NON-AMERICANS ALIKE.

QUOTE NO NATION HAS WORKED HARDER THAN YOUR COUNTRY TO TAME THE CONFLICTS OF MEN AND NATIONS AND TO DEVELOP IN THE WORLD THE LASTING HABITS OF PEACE AND PROGRESS. TO THESE ENDS, YOUR COUNTRY HAS DEVOTED, AND CONTINUES TO DEVOTE, MUCH OF HER TALENTS AND RESOURCES.

QUOTE TODAY, WHEN THE WORLD STILL APPEARS LOCKED IN TENSION AND CONFLICT AND WHEN THE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY, EXPLOITATION AND INJUSTICE STILL DOMINATE THE LIVES OF MILLIONS, THE VIGOR OF AMERICA'S COMMITMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE OF OUR PLANET.

QUOTE WITH HER IMMENSE RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST TWO CENTURIES, AMERICA IN THE NEXT CENTURY CAN PROVIDE THE SUPPORT NEEDED TO MAKE THE SMALL AND THE POOR NATIONS PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE FRUITS OF PROGRESS, AND MAKE THEM FULL PARTNERS IN THE CONDUCT OF HUMAN AFFAIRS.

QUOTE WE HAVE EVERY FAITH THAT FRIENDSHIP WITH AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO MEAN PARTNERSHIP IN THE STRUGGLE FOR A LIFE OF DIGNITY, JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD. FERDINAND E. MARCOS, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES. END QUOTE. END FYI.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT; QUOTE PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS, MALACANANG PALACE, MANILA, PHILIPPINES. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE. MRS. FORD AND I ALSO WISH TO THANK YOU AND MRS. MARCOS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WHICH YOU SENT TO US.

QUOTE AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO
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WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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